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October 21, 2021

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni  
United States District Judge  
U.S. District Court  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: *United States v. Velez*, 19 Cr. 862 (Deeshuntee Stevens)**

Dear Judge Caproni:

I write on behalf of my client, Deeshuntee Stevens, to respectfully request permission for Mr. Stevens to travel from Rochester, NY, to New York City on October 24 to attend his sentencing hearing before your Honor on October 25. If granted permission, Mr. Stevens would travel to New York City by bus, leaving Rochester in the early morning of October 24. Mr. Stevens would spend the night of October 24 at a hotel in Manhattan.

The Office of Pretrial Services and the United States Attorney's Office both consent to this request.

As the Court is aware, on June 10, 2021, Mr. Stevens pled guilty before your Honor to conspiring to distribute heroin and fentanyl in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(B) and 846. Your Honor permitted Mr. Stevens to remain on bail on the same conditions of release initially imposed on August 21, 2020. Those conditions include: (1) a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond, signed by Mr.

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Stevens and co-signed by three financially responsible persons; (2) home detention with electronic monitoring, except to attend work, to seek employment (with agreement of the office of Pretrial Services as to the specifics), and for medical visits and legal visits, at the Rochester, New York home of Jesseivett Orta, a close family friend serving as third-party custodian; and (3) travel restricted to the state of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jocelyn E. Strauber

cc: Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam S. Hobson  
Assistant U.S. Attorney David Robles  
Assistant U.S. Attorney Elinor L. Tarlow  
U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jonathan Lettieri  
U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jeremy Bedette

Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie Caproni", is written over a horizontal line.

Date: October 22, 2021

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE